



Basic Training Information

D/1-31st Field Artillery

"Demons"



CLASS# 42-18

23 May 2018 – 27 July 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Please READ this ENTIRE letter, it contains important information that will answer most questions you may have about Basic Combat Training, both for you and about your Soldier.

Greetings! I am Captain Jedidiah Schlissel, your Soldier's Battery Commander during Initial Entry Training into the United States Army. Your Soldier arrived safely at Fort Sill and will begin Basic Combat Training in my unit. During the nine-week training period, your Soldier will learn the basic skills that are required to survive and win on today's modern battlefield. The training will be very strenuous and demanding, but the tasks performed will help each Soldier develop the discipline and self-confidence necessary to be a successful Soldier in today's Army.

I want you to know that the Cadre who will train your Soldier are a very dedicated group of professionals who are genuinely concerned about the health, welfare, and training of each Soldier. We consider your Soldier to be the Army's most important asset, and I will personally ensure that we make your Soldier's basic training experience both challenging and rewarding.

YOU WILL HEAR FROM YOUR SOLDIER SOON!

By now, you should have already received a phone call from your Soldier. All Soldiers are given the opportunity to call home within the first 72 hours upon arrival to Delta Battery. Afterwards, Soldiers are occasionally afforded the **PRIVILEGE** to utilize the telephone; however, Soldiers may have this privilege revoked for poor performance or misconduct. I ask that you not attempt to contact your Soldier by phone. If there are any concerns regarding the health and welfare of your Soldier, a cadre member will personally let you know, or your Soldier will be allowed to call home.

YOUR SOLDIER WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Whether or not this is your Soldier's first time away from home, I am sure that your Soldier will miss you a great deal. I strongly encourage you to write at every opportunity. Your Soldier will have ample time to write you as well. When writing your Soldier, use the following address:

Rank Last Name, First Name
D/1-31 FA, # Platoon (Example: 4th PLT), Class# 42-18
5955 Rothwell Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503-5001.

Mail delivery to Soldiers is **Extremely Slow**. This is a systemic problem and one that I'm sure may frustrate you when your Soldier has sent you letters and states that they have not received any packages from you. I **assure you** that we are doing everything we can to ensure your Soldiers receive their mail in a timely manner. Please be patient.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING PACKAGES! Your Soldiers only have a small drawer to store personal items, and will not have space to keep items sent from home. **Your Soldier can buy**

everything he/she needs here at our local Post Exchange. However, if you choose to send your Soldier a package, please observe the following guidelines:

These are CONTRABAND for your Soldiers while they are in Basic Combat Training.

- ☐ **No alcohol or products containing alcohol, tobacco, or narcotics**
- ☐ **No weapons**
- ☐ **No radios, TV's, cameras, or other electronic devices**
- ☐ **No pornographic or morally questionable materials**
- ☐ **No magazines**
- ☐ **No food items, candy, cookies, snacks, etc.** (These attract rodents and can cause a disease outbreak.)
- ☐ **No MEDICATIONS** (Any medication (over-the-counter or prescription) will be provided by Army Medical professionals.)

WHAT CAN I DO TO ASSIST MY SOLDIER DURING TRAINING?

The best thing you can do is write as many encouraging letters as possible. Soldiers look forward to daily mail call. Small tasteful photos are also a great motivator for Soldiers.

HOW ARE THEY TREATING MY SOLDIER?

Today's Soldiers are treated fairly, firmly, with dignity and respect. Abuse of any kind is not tolerated. Drill Sergeants are selected from among the best Non-Commissioned Officers in the Army and are highly qualified to train recruits.

MAY MY SOLDIER ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES?

Yes. Soldiers have the opportunity to attend weekly religious services of various denominations and bible study. Soldiers are also permitted to seek counseling from an Army Chaplain who is on call 24 hours a day.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER FAILS A PORTION OF BASIC TRAINING?

If a Soldier fails to meet any of the graduation requirements, every effort will be made for the Soldier to retake the portion he/she fails. In the event the Soldier cannot pass or retake that portion, he/she will be considered for a transfer (recycle) to another unit to complete the remaining training requirements. If a Soldier fails the final Basic Physical Fitness Test (BPFT), every effort will be made to provide that Soldier an opportunity to retake the BPFT. Passing the BPFT is a graduation requirement and if he/she still cannot pass prior to graduation, the Soldier may be assigned to the Fitness Training Unit (FTU). Upon passing the BPFT at FTU, the Soldier will move on to his/her Advanced Individual Training (AIT). We will ensure that your Soldier is afforded the opportunity to call home in order to keep you updated on his/her status.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Should an emergency arise, the best means of notifying your Soldier is through your local American Red Cross. The field office in your area will contact the Lawton, Oklahoma field office who will, in turn, contact me. In extreme cases, such as serious injury or death affecting immediate family members, an emergency leave of absence may be granted (case-by-case basis only). Other leaves of absence during training are not normally authorized.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER IS INJURED DURING TRAINING?

Should any injury occur, your Soldier will receive appropriate medical attention from Fort Sill's state of the art medical facilities. Additionally, Drill Sergeants are Combat Lifesaver qualified and carry medical aid kits. Injuries that prevent Soldiers from graduating will be handled on a case-by-

case basis. Any Soldier who is injured during training and cannot complete the remaining training requirements will be transferred to the Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Program (PTRP) to recover. Once the Soldier recovers, he/she will be sent to another training unit to resume the portion of training he/she missed.

FAMILY MEMBERS PLANNING TO ATTEND WHO HAVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please let your Soldier know if you or people traveling with you have special needs or considerations. These could include things such as being hearing impaired, does not speak English. If you let us know in enough time, we may be able to provide appropriate accommodations.

TOWN HALL, FAMILY DAY AND GRADUATION INFORMATION

Battery leadership will host a **Virtual Town Hall 06 July, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. via Facebook Live**. This is an opportunity for family and friends to field questions to the Battery First Sergeant and Commander.

The Town Hall meeting is an opportunity for you to talk to me (the Battery Commander) and the Battery First Sergeant and ask us any questions about proceedings of the next couple days. The **Town Hall** meeting will be held at the **Cache Creek Chapel Complex** located at **6043 Rothwell St, Lawton, OK 73503 at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, 25 July 2018**.

Family Day activities will showcase skills learned by your Soldiers, promotions and award presentations by select Soldiers from this class. This is the first time you will be able to see your Soldier and they look forward to it greatly, as I am sure you do. **Family Day will be held at Delta Battery Area starting at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, 26 July 2018**

Provided your Soldier meets all basic training requirements and is not facing any administrative actions your Soldier will **graduate at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, 27 July 2018** at the **Cache Creek Chapel Complex** located at **6043 Rothwell St, Lawton, OK 73503**.

I understand that you will want to make travel plans early in order to get the best travel deals. However, please talk to your Soldier at every opportunity regarding his/her graduation status. I recommend that you **DO NOT** make any plans or travel arrangements which cannot be changed or canceled **until** you have received notice from your Soldier that he/she will graduate. Your Soldier should know his/her graduation status by the end of the 8th week of training (week of July 16).

As the time gets closer, I will issue a graduation letter that will go into more detail about Demon Town Hall, Family Day and Graduation. This will be posted on the Facebook page and website listed in this letter.

ON-POST ACCESS PASS

Fort Sill made a change to the requirements to gain access to the installation. Each person over the age of 16 without military I.D. must now individually mail/submit a FS Form 118A for a background check to the Visitor Control Center (VCC). If you have a felony within the last 10 years you may be denied on post access.

When filling out this form, please put your Soldier's rank and full name, this unit (Delta Battery 1-31 FA) as well as the class number (Class 42-18) underneath "Specify Below" in block 11b ("Purpose of Visit"). This will assist the Visitor Control Center in ensuring your pass forms get organized in the right location for pick up. You will want to make the pass request from 25-27 July 2018.

MAIL THE PASS REQUEST FORM DIRECTLY TO:

Fort Sill Visitor Control Center
BLDG T6701 Sheridan Rd
Fort Sill, OK 73503

Please DO NOT mail these forms back to the address you received this letter from as this could result in your pass not being received by the correct personnel to process it.

The Visitor Control Center's phone numbers are: (580) 442-9602; 442-9603; 442-9604; Business hours are 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM Central Time, Sunday-Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (hours may change on major holidays). Once they receive your form, the Ft. Sill VCC will validate them. Failure to mail your visitor request form to them in time may delay your access to post.

IF YOU ARE EXPECTING OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS TO COME AND YOU SUSPECT THEY DID NOT RECEIVE A LETTER, PLEASE MAKE ENOUGH COPIES OF THE REQUEST FORM INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET OR RETRIVE A COPY FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER THAT YOU EXPECT WILL ATTEND.

SHIPPING TO ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING (AIT)

Your Soldier will ship to AIT beginning on **28 July 2018** (the day after graduation) via government-provided transportation. **No Soldier is authorized to proceed to AIT by any method other than what is coordinated by the government. Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Soldiers who are attending AIT here at Fort Sill will ship to their gaining unit by the afternoon of graduation. Passes are typically granted once AIT assumes responsibility of those Soldiers.**

BATTERY WEBSITE

The Battery maintains a webpage that is updated periodically. The website can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-31/delta/>. Also, a Battery Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/D131FA/>. There, you can find weekly updates about your Soldiers' training, graduation information, directions, and maps of the Ft Sill/Lawton area. Every attempt will be made to post pictures of all Soldiers during their training. Although it is not possible to identify and label each individual Soldier in these pictures, we will do our best to have plenty of images for you to view.

POINTS OF CONTACT

A great deal of information is published both on the Facebook page and a follow-up Graduation letter will be mailed later in the cycle. If this letter, the Facebook page, or the Graduation letter do not contain the information you need, or if there is a specific issue related to your Soldier, please feel free to contact any of the following people by phone, mail, or email (if you think it can be answered on the Facebook Page, please ask your questions there; if it is personal, please use the Delta Email address @ deltademons131@gmail.com):

///ORIGINAL SIGNED///
Battery Executive Officer
2LT Brendell M. Davis
Demon 5

///ORIGINAL SIGNED///
Battery First Sergeant
1SG Dario J. Maldonado
Demon 7

///ORIGINAL SIGNED///
Battery Commander
CPT Jedidiah Z. Schlissel
Demon 6

REQUEST FOR UNESCORTED INSTALLATION VISITOR ACCESS TO FORT SILL**DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974**

AUTHORITY: Title 5, USC 3331, 552, 552a; 10 USC 10204; Executive Orders (EO) 10450, 10865, and 12333.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: The information requested is for the purpose of granting access to the Fort Sill Installation.

ROUTINE USES: Basis for determination of qualifications and background information for eligibility for access to Fort Sill Installation. The Social Security Number (SSN), required for record accuracy, is requested pursuant to EO 9397.

DISCLOSURE: Providing requested information, to include your SSN, is voluntary. However, your access may not be granted if all requested information is not provided. Contents shall not be disclosed, discussed, or shared with individuals unless they have a direct need-to-know in performance of their official duties. Deliver this document directly to the intended recipient. **DO NOT** drop off, send to a third-party or send via e-mail **unencrypt**. Sending Personally Identifiable Information (PII) via regular e-mail is highly discouraged. Regular e-mail is sent "in the clear" and therefore is subject to interception by hackers. There are many other options for sending private, sensitive information or PII securely through e-mail. Please research these options and use them accordingly. This document contains personal or privileged information and should be treated as "For Official Use Only (FOUO)".

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

a. LAST NAME:	b. FIRST NAME:	c. MIDDLE INITIAL:
d. GRADE/RANK/STATUS:	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:	f. DOB:
g. GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	h. DRIVER'S LICENSE #/STATE:	
i. EMPLOYER:	j. PHONE NUMBER:	
k. E-MAIL ADDRESS:	l. RACE:	

PART II - PURPOSE OF VISIT

a. REQUESTED DATE(S) / TIME OF VISIT: FROM	TO
b. PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRADUATION <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM <input type="checkbox"/> VISIT FAMILY <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF/BOWLING	
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVENT (Specify below):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify below): Delta Battery 1-31 FA	

PART III - FORT SILL INSTALLATION ACCESS CARD/PASS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

1. I understand that I must give the Fort Sill Visitor Control Center (VCC) **consent to an initial criminal history and periodic background screenings** prior to and after the issuance of an installation access card/pass by completing Fort Sill Form 118. Failure to do so will result in the termination of the application process. I further understand that these background screenings will determine my eligibility for access and continued access during the term of my visit.

- a. I understand that my **access may be revoked** at anytime without reason or notice.
- b. I understand that I must **properly care for my card/pass** to prevent damage, or unnecessary wear.
- c. I understand that it is **prohibited to allow someone else to use my card/pass**.
- d. I understand that my card/pass **must be turned in** to the VCC once it has expired or further use is not required.
- e. I understand that I **must immediately report any lost, damaged or stolen card/pass** to my sponsor and the military police.
- f. I understand that my card/pass must be controlled at all times. If you have and or know where your card/pass is, then it is considered secured! If your card/pass is lost or unrecoverable, please notify your sponsor immediately.

2. I have read and understand the instructions listed above.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE_____
DATE**PART V - ISSUING OFFICE****SECTION BELOW IS FOR USE BY INSTALLATION ACCESS CONTROL OFFICE ONLY**

a. <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	b. <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED	c. <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION TAKEN (Specify below)
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APPROVING OFFICIAL PRINTED NAME_____
5 APPROVING OFFICIAL SIGNATURE_____
DATE